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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES GROWTH: From mid-July, 1983 to mid-August, 1983, total employment in North Carolina increased by 22,400 workers (+0.8 percent) to 2,718,800. Agriculture was the only main employment category to suffer a loss, down seasonally by 6,000 workers (-5.0 percent). That decline was more than offset by significant gains in the other principal employment segments--"all other" nonagricultural employment rose by 2,700 people (+0.9 percent) and nonagricultural wage and salary employment (excluding dual jobholders) advanced by 25,700 workers (+1.1 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT UP OVER THE MONTH: Manufacturing employment (including dual jobholders) in the State, estimated at 787,200 in mid-August, was up by 5,000 workers (+0.6 percent) from the mid-July, 1983 estimate. Employment in the nondurable goods sector experienced growth of 6,200 (+1.3 percent) over the month as two of its industry groups registered impressive gains--tobacco manufacturing was up by 3,000 workers (+13.8 percent) as the stemmeries began hiring, and textile mill products increased by 2,500 (+1.1 percent) due to employee recalls and the resumption of activity after vacation closings. The only large loss in nondurables occurred in food and kindred products, down by 800 in August, mostly due to the seasonal reduction in canning. The durable goods sector sustained a loss of 1,200 people (-0.4 percent) due primarily to a drop of 2,600 (5.0 percent) in electrical machinery. On the positive side, both stone, clay, and glass and nonelectrical machinery added 500 workers each due to a general increase in business and to recalls.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT ENJOYS MONTHLY INCREASE: During the mid-week of August, 1983, North Carolina's nonmanufacturing employment stood at 1,546,400--a net over-the-month gain of 7,700 workers (+0.5 percent) as two of the industry groups experienced noticeable seasonal growth: construction (+1,700) and trade (+5,100). Actually, all of the nonmanufacturing industry groups either registered an employment gain or stayed constant from the middle of July to the middle of August.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT WELL AHEAD OF LAST YEAR'S TOTAL: Statewide manufacturing and nonmanufacturing employment continues to surpass the levels of twelve months ago. Manufacturing rose by 8,200 workers (+1.1 percent) over the year as a number of its industry groups displayed impressive growth: lumber and wood, +2,100; furniture and fixtures, +2,900; stone, clay, and glass, +1,300; textile mill products, +5,000; and apparel and related products, +2,800. Nonmanufacturing employment added 23,900 workers (+1.6 percent) during the past twelve months due to strong increases in five industry groups: construction, +1,500; trade, +7,000; finance, insurance, and real estate, +2,400; service and miscellaneous, +11,000; and government, +2,600.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT ENJOYS SIGNIFICANT MONTHLY DROP: From the middle of July to the middle of August, 1983, total unemployment in the State fell to 233,900. That figure represented a net over-the-month decline of 21,000 persons (-8.2 percent). As a result, North Carolina's unadjusted rate of unemployment decreased from 8.6 percent in July to 7.9 percent in August. Conditions were not as good twelve

months ago (August, 1982) when 271,300 people were jobless with a rate of 9.1 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 9.2 percent in August, 1983, 9.4 percent in July, 1983, and 9.6 percent one year ago. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 9.5 percent this August and July, and 9.9 percent in August, 1982.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

August, 1983

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
				July, 1983		August, 1982	
	August 2/ 1983	July 3/ 1983	August 1982	Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	2,952,700	2,951,300	2,970,300	+ 1,400	•	- 17,600	- 0.6
Employment, Total	2,718,800	2,696,400	2,699,000	+ 22,400	+ 0.8	+ 19,800	+ 0.7
Agricultural Employment	115,000	121,000	123,600	- 6,000	- 5.0	- 8,600	- 7.0
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,307,300	2,281,600	2,293,300	+ 25,700	+ 1.1	+ 14,000	+ 0.6
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	296,500	293,800	282,100	+ 2,700	+ 0.9	+ 14,400	+ 0.1
Unemployment, Total	233,900	254,900	271,300	- 21,000	- 8.2	- 37,400	- 13.8
State Unadjusted Rate	7.9	8.6	9.1	- 0.7	xxx	- 1.2	xxx
National Rate (Unadjusted)	9.2	9.4	9.6	- 0.2	xxx	- 0.4	xxx
(Seasonally Adjusted)	9.5	9.5	9.9	0	xxx	- 0.4	xxx

1/ All data revised to reflect 1982 benchmark revisions.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised estimates.
4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
• Less than 0.05 percent.

HOURLY EARNINGS DECLINE BUT HOURS WORKED INCREASE: The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers suffered a slight decrease of 3¢ an hour (-0.4 percent) to $6.66 from the middle of July to the middle of August of this year. However, that was a net over-the-year increase of 33¢ an hour (5.2 percent). The durable goods sector sustained a monthly loss of 5¢ an hour (-0.7 percent) to $6.84. Compared to August, 1982, however, durable goods was up by 24¢ an hour (+3.6 percent). The over-the-month drop in hourly earnings in the durable goods sector was caused primarily by declines in stone, clay and glass (down 5 cents); machinery, except electrical (down 5 cents); and electrical machinery (down 20 cents). The declines in stone, clay and glass and non-electrical machinery were caused by the hiring of new lower paid employees, reducing the average earnings and increasing the work week. The substantial drop in electrical machinery average hourly earnings was caused by a strike by a large higher paying employer in this group during mid-August. Some of the durable goods industry groups did exhibit modest monthly gains--fabricated metal products rose by 4¢ an hour (+0.5 percent) to hit $7.55 while furniture and fixtures added 3¢ an hour (+0.5 percent) to reach $5.95. The nondurable goods sector recorded a net monthly drop of 3¢ an hour (-0.5 percent) to fall to $6.55 in August, 1983. That figure represented a yearly gain of 36¢ an hour (+5.8 percent). The drop in hourly earnings in the nondurable goods sector from mid-July to mid-August, 1983 was caused primarily by a decline of $1.20 an hour in the tobacco manufacturing industry as several hundred lower paid workers were hired in the tobacco stemmeries thus lowering the average. The monthly gains by the nondurable goods industry groups

were modest--food and kindred products increased by 6¢ an hour (+1.0 percent) to arrive at $6.25 and apparel and related products rose by 4¢ an hour (+0.8 percent) for an August figure of $4.83. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees enjoyed an increase of $2.79 (+1.0 percent) from mid-July to mid-August, 1983. The current level of $271.06 is $29.25 (+12.1 percent) above one year ago. Average weekly hours, which stood at 40.7 in August, 1983, were up by 0.6 of an hour over the month and by 2.5 hours over the year.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX RISES IN AUGUST: The Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers edged upward to 300.3 in August, 1983, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. That was an over-the-month gain of 0.3 percent and an over-the-year increase of 2.6 percent. All of the major groups displayed monthly increases. The cost of apparel and upkeep rose the most, up by 1.2 percent over the month. That was followed by transportation, which experienced a rise of 0.7 percent. The cost of medical care was a close third, increasing by 0.6 percent from July to August. The purchasing power of the consumer dollar, using 1967 as a base of $1.00, fell to 33.3¢ in August, 1983.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS CONTINUES TO DECREASE: As of August 31, 1983, there were 171,346 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the State. That figure represented a net over-the-month decline of 4,404 people (-2.5 percent). The largest active applicant segment by age was twenty-two to thirty-nine with 102,657 or 59.9 percent of the total. The twenty-one and under group was a distant second with 31,215 or 18.2 percent. The sector with the lowest number of active applicants was fifty-five and over with 8,914 or 5.2 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were females, who numbered 87,053 or 50.8 percent of the total. The largest ethnic group was white, not Hispanic, with a count of 99,356 or 58.0 percent of the total. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file as of August 31, 1983.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE

August 31, 1983

	Number	Percent
Total	171,346	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	31,215	18.2
22 - 39	102,657	59.9
40 - 54	28,560	16.7
55 and Over	8,914	5.2
Sex		
Male	84,293	49.2
Female	87,053	50.8
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	99,356	58.0
Black, not Hispanic	67,312	39.3
Hispanic	1,721	1.0
American Indian and Alaskan Native	1,942	1.1
Other Races and Undetermined	1,015	0.6
Eligible Claimant	66,390	38.7
Veteran	25,849	15.1
Handicapped	10,246	6.0
Welfare	18,785	11.0
Seasonal Farmworker	4,162	2.4

JOB OPENINGS DECLINE IN AUGUST: During the month of August, 1983, there were 26,895 job openings received by the Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina--a net monthly decrease of 7,635 (-22.1 percent). Most of those jobs were filled (21,994 or 81.8 percent). Farming, fishing, and forestry continued to have the largest number of job openings with 7,096, all of which were filled. The service category followed with 3,926 job openings received in August and 3,013 (76.7 percent) filled. The miscellaneous group was a close third with 3,021 openings received and 2,557 or 84.6 percent filled. The lowest number of job openings received occurred once again in sales, which had 793, most of which were filled (4[illegible] or 53.5 percent). There have been 201,486 job openings received by the Job Service offices across the State from October 1, 1982, through August 31, 1983. A good percentage of those has been filled (81.7 percent or 164,713). There were 11,710 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file as of August 31, 1983. Almost half of those (5,669 or 48.4 percent) were classified as hard-to-fill because they had been open for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data on North Carolina job openings in August, 1983, and for the fiscal year to date.

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

Occupation	August, 1983		Fiscal Year To Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of August 31, 1983	
	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., & Mgr.	899	347	8,055	3,814	1,041	528
Clerical	2,423	1,654	22,322	15,699	1,682	814
Sales	793	424	7,206	4,460	773	403
Service	3,926	3,013	29,243	22,979	2,069	910
Domestic	260	220	2,886	2,518	43	20
Other Services	3,666	2,793	26,357	20,461	2,026	890
Farm., Fish., & Forest.	7,096	7,145	56,084	54,436	179	128
Processing	1,351	1,128	7,076	6,081	12	220
Machine Trades	1,731	1,277	12,661	9,107	1,242	652
Bench Work	2,650	2,118	17,284	14,335	1,561	892
Structural Work	3,005	2,331	21,531	16,833	1,593	742
Miscellaneous	3,021	2,557	20,024	16,969	1,058	380
Motor Freight & Trans.	532	355	4,091	2,827	269	96
Pkg. & Mat. Hand.	2,418	2,169	15,193	13,663	717	243
Other	71	33	740	479	72	41
Total	26,895	21,994	201,486	164,713	11,710	5,669

1/ October 1, 1982, through August 31, 1983.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

August, 1983

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	August 1983 (Thous.)	July 1983 (Thous.)	August 1982 (Thous.)	July 1983	August 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,333.6	2,320.9	2,301.5	+ 0.5	+ 1.4
MANUFACTURING	787.2	782.2	779.0	+ 0.6	+ 1.1
DURABLE GOODS	293.6	294.8	290.1	- 0.4	+ 1.2
Lumber & Wood Products	33.7	33.4	31.6	+ 0.9	+ 6.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.1	12.0	11.8	+ 0.8	+ 2.5
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.1	8.0	7.6	+ 1.3	+ 6.6
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.3	4.3	3.1	- 0 -	+38.7
Furniture & Fixtures	80.9	80.6	78.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.7
Household Furniture	72.7	72.3	69.2	+ 0.6	+ 5.1
Wood Household Furniture	38.2	37.9	36.9	+ 0.8	+ 3.5
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.1	29.9	27.9	+ 0.7	+ 7.9
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.3	16.8	16.0	+ 3.0	+ 8.1
Structural Clay Products	2.3	2.2	1.8	+ 4.5	+27.8
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.8	4.6	4.2	+ 4.3	+14.3
Primary Metal Industries	8.7	8.5	8.5	+ 2.4	+ 2.4
Fabricated Metal Products	23.4	23.5	24.5	- 0.4	- 4.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	9.4	9.6	9.9	- 2.1	- 5.1
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	50.4	49.9	49.7	+ 1.0	+ 1.4
Special Industry Machinery	6.7	6.6	6.7	+ 1.5	- 0 -
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	49.0	51.6	52.6	- 5.0	- 6.8
Household Appliances	5.8	5.8	5.9	- 0 -	- 1.7
Transportation Equipment	15.7	15.9	15.1	- 1.3	+ 4.0
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.5	14.6	14.1	- 0.7	+ 2.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	493.6	487.4	488.9	+ 1.3	+ 1.0
Food & Kindred Products	42.9	43.7	43.6	- 1.8	- 1.6
Meat Products	16.8	16.8	17.0	- 0 -	- 1.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.7	2.7	2.8	- 0 -	- 3.6
Dairy Products	2.9	2.9	3.0	- 0 -	- 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.5	2.5	- 4.0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.9	8.0	7.8	- 1.3	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.8	6.9	6.9	- 1.4	- 1.4
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.7	21.7	27.4	+ 13.8	- 9.9
Cigarettes	18.7	19.1	19.6	- 2.1	- 4.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.3	1.8	7.0	+194.4	-24.3
Textile Mill Products	225.8	223.3	220.8	+ 1.1	+ 2.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	64.7	64.5	65.2	+ 0.3	- 0.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.1	34.2	34.7	- 0.3	- 1.7
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.3	30.0	30.3	+ 1.0	- 0 -
Knitting Mills	76.4	76.3	74.2	+ 0.1	+ 3.0
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.2	23.1	21.6	+ 0.4	+ 7.4
Hosiery, NEC	21.8	21.6	21.5	+ 0.9	+ 1.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.6	15.6	14.9	- 0 -	+ 4.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.6	6.5	6.6	+ 1.5	- 0 -
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.5	15.1	14.0	+ 2.6	+10.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	56.1	54.5	54.8	+ 2.9	+ 2.4

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

August, 1983

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	August 1983 (Thous.)	July 1983 (Thous.)	August 1982 (Thous.)	July 1983	August 1982
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.5	87.8	85.7	+ 0.8	+ 3.3
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.0	27.0	27.6	- 0 -	- 2.2
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	43.1	42.7	41.3	+ 0.9	+ 4.4
Paper & Allied Products	21.7	21.6	21.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.9
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.6	10.8	+ 0.9	- 0.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.4	6.4	6.4	- 0 -	- 0 -
Printing & Publishing	21.2	21.2	20.8	- 0 -	+ 1.9
Newspapers	8.7	8.7	8.3	- 0 -	+ 4.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.6	36.2	36.7	+ 1.1	- 0.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.8	13.7	14.3	+ 0.7	- 3.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	26.7	26.3	26.0	+ 1.5	+ 2.7
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.5	5.6	6.4	- 1.8	- 14.1
NONMANUFACTURING	1,546.4	1,538.7	1,522.5	+ 0.5	+ 1.6
MINING	4.9	4.8	4.6	+ 2.1	+ 6.5
CONSTRUCTION	106.8	105.1	105.3	+ 1.6	+ 1.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	115.2	114.9	116.1	+ 0.3	- 0.8
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	55.7	55.2	55.4	+ 0.9	+ 0.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.0	54.2	55.2	- 0.4	- 2.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	487.6	482.5	480.6	+ 1.1	+ 1.5
Wholesale Trade	127.9	124.7	128.6	+ 2.6	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	73.6	73.2	72.1	+ 0.5	+ 2.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	54.3	51.5	56.5	+ 5.4	- 3.9
Retail Trade	359.7	357.8	352.0	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
General Merchandise Stores	53.3	52.8	52.5	+ 0.9	+ 1.5
Variety Stores	13.7	13.5	12.7	+ 1.5	+ 7.9
Food Stores	58.5	58.6	58.0	- 0.2	+ 0.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	100.8	100.8	98.4	- 0 -	+ 2.4
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	374.7	374.2	363.7	+ 0.1	+ 3.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.4	22.5	21.8	- 0.4	+ 2.8
Personal Services	22.9	22.8	22.3	+ 0.4	+ 2.7
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	9.9	9.9	10.1	- 0 -	- 2.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	356.4	356.4	353.8	- 0 -	+ 0.7
Federal	49.7	49.8	49.0	- 0.2	+ 1.4
State	111.4	110.7	111.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.1
Education	50.5	49.3	51.9	+ 2.4	- 2.7
Other	60.9	61.4	59.4	- 0.8	+ 2.5
Local	195.3	195.9	193.5	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Education	90.3	89.1	88.3	+ 1.3	+ 2.3
Other	105.0	106.8	105.2	- 1.7	- 0.2

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,358.6	2,356.5	2,325.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
MANUFACTURING	785.9	788.6	777.3	- 0.3	+ 1.1
DURABLE GOODS	294.9	296.9	291.2	- 0.7	+ 1.3
Lumber & Wood Products	33.3	33.1	31.2	+ 0.6	+ 6.7
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.0	11.9	11.7	+ 0.8	+ 2.6
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.0	7.9	7.5	+ 1.3	+ 6.7
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.1	4.3	3.0	- 4.7	+ 36.7
Furniture & Fixtures	82.6	82.6	79.6	0	+ 3.8
Household Furniture	74.4	74.2	70.8	+ 0.3	+ 5.1
Wood Household Furniture	39.0	38.8	37.6	+ 0.5	+ 3.7
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.4	30.3	28.2	+ 0.3	+ 7.8
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.2	16.6	15.9	+ 3.6	+ 8.2
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.1	1.8	+ 4.8	+ 22.2
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.7	4.5	4.1	+ 4.4	+ 14.6
Primary Metal Industries	8.8	8.5	8.6	+ 3.5	+ 2.3
Fabricated Metal Products	23.4	23.7	24.5	- 1.3	- 4.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	9.5	9.5	10.0	0	- 5.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	50.6	49.9	49.8	+ 1.4	+ 1.6
Special Industry Machinery	6.8	6.7	6.7	+ 1.5	+ 1.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	48.8	51.8	52.4	- 5.8	- 6.9
Household Appliances	5.4	5.8	5.6	- 6.9	- 3.6
Transportation Equipment	15.7	15.9	15.1	- 1.3	+ 4.0
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.5	14.8	14.1	- 2.0	+ 2.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	491.0	491.7	486.1	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Food & Kindred Products	42.4	43.1	43.1	- 1.6	- 1.6
Meat Products	19.7	16.8	16.9	+ 17.3	+ 16.6
Meat Packing Plants	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 3.6
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 3.4
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.5	2.5	- 4.0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.8	8.0	7.7	- 2.5	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.6	6.7	6.7	- 1.5	- 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.7	23.0	25.2	- 1.3	- 9.9
Cigarettes	18.5	18.7	19.4	- 1.1	- 4.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.9	3.2	5.2	+ 21.9	- 25.0
Textile Mill Products	225.8	225.6	220.8	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	64.6	65.3	65.1	- 1.1	- 0.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.2	34.5	34.8	- 0.9	- 1.7
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.4	30.2	30.4	+ 0.7	0
Knitting Mills	76.2	76.7	73.9	- 0.7	+ 3.1
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.2	23.2	21.6	0	+ 7.4
Hosiery, NEC	21.7	21.4	21.4	+ 1.4	+ 1.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.7	15.7	15.0	0	+ 4.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.6	6.5	6.6	+ 1.5	0
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.5	15.6	14.0	- 0.6	+ 10.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.9	55.5	54.6	+ 0.7	+ 2.4

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Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	42.8	43.1	41.0	- 0.7	+ 4.4
Paper & Allied Products	21.8	21.7	21.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.9
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.8	10.6	6.4	+ 1.9	+ 68.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.5	6.4	8.4	+ 1.6	- 22.6
Printing & Publishing	21.6	21.5	21.2	+ 0.5	+ 1.9
Newspapers	8.8	8.6	8.4	+ 2.3	+ 4.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.7	36.2	36.8	+ 1.4	- 0.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.9	13.7	14.4	+ 1.5	- 3.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	26.5	26.2	25.8	+ 1.1	+ 2.7
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.5	5.7	6.4	- 3.5	- 14.1
NONMANUFACTURING	1,572.7	1,567.9	1,548.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
MINING	4.9	4.8	4.6	+ 2.1	+ 6.5
CONSTRUCTION	102.3	101.0	100.9	+ 1.3	+ 1.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	114.5	115.0	115.4	- 0.4	- 0.8
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	55.7	55.8	55.3	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	53.4	53.6	54.5	- 0.4	- 2.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	483.1	482.9	476.1	*	+ 1.5
Wholesale Trade	124.8	124.7	125.4	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	73.3	73.0	71.8	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	51.5	51.7	53.6	- 0.4	- 3.9
Retail Trade	358.3	358.2	350.7	*	+ 2.2
General Merchandise Stores	54.0	54.0	53.2	0	+ 1.5
Variety Stores	13.8	13.7	12.8	+ 0.7	+ 7.8
Food Stores	58.3	58.4	57.8	- 0.2	+ 0.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	99.0	99.3	96.6	- 0.3	+ 2.5
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	367.0	366.5	356.1	+ 0.1	+ 3.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	19.0	19.4	18.5	- 2.1	+ 2.7
Personal Services	23.3	23.1	22.7	+ 0.9	+ 2.6
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	9.9	9.9	10.1	0	- 2.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	401.9	398.4	398.4	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Federal	49.2	48.7	48.5	+ 1.0	+ 1.4
State	119.8	122.3	120.0	- 2.0	- 0.2
Education	60.2	62.5	61.8	- 3.7	- 2.6
Other	59.6	59.8	58.2	- 0.3	+ 2.4
Local	232.9	227.4	229.9	+ 2.4	+ 1.3
Education	130.7	124.6	127.5	+ 4.9	+ 2.5
Other	102.2	102.8	102.4	- 0.6	- 0.2

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.
* Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

AUGUST, 1983

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	August 1983	July 1983	August 1982	July 1983	August 1982
MANUFACTURING	628.1	622.5	617.7	+ 0.9	+ 1.7
DURABLE GOODS	222.0	223.3	217.9	- 0.6	+ 1.9
Lumber & Wood Products	29.3	29.0	27.2	+ 1.0	+ 7.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.2	7.0	6.7	+ 2.9	+ 7.5
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.8	3.8	2.5	0	+ 52.0
Furniture & Fixtures	71.9	71.7	68.8	+ 0.3	+ 4.5
Household Furniture	65.3	65.0	61.8	+ 0.5	+ 5.7
Wood Household Furniture	35.2	35.0	33.8	+ 0.6	+ 4.1
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	13.9	13.5	12.8	+ 3.0	+ 8.6
Structural Clay Products	1.8	1.7	1.3	+ 5.9	+ 38.5
Primary Metal Industries	6.3	6.2	6.1	+ 1.6	+ 3.3
Fabricated Metal Products	17.0	17.1	17.8	- 0.6	- 4.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	25.6	25.0	25.4	+ 2.4	+ 0.8
Special Industry Machinery	4.4	4.3	4.4	+ 2.3	0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	34.0	36.4	37.0	- 6.6	- 8.1
Household Appliances	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0
Transportation Equipment	12.5	12.8	11.9	- 2.3	+ 5.0
NONDURABLE GOODS	406.1	399.2	399.8	+ 1.7	+ 1.6
Food & Kindred Products	29.1	29.8	29.6	- 2.3	- 1.7
Meat Products	14.4	14.3	14.5	+ 0.7	- 0.7
Meat Packing	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Dairy Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.6	1.7	1.6	- 5.9	0
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 2.3
Beverages	2.7	2.8	2.8	- 3.6	- 3.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	20.1	17.1	22.9	+ 17.5	- 12.2
Cigarettes	15.1	15.3	15.8	- 1.3	- 4.4
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.4	1.1	6.4	+ 300.0	- 31.2
Textile Mill Products	201.5	198.3	195.7	+ 1.6	+ 3.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	58.8	58.0	58.3	+ 1.4	+ 0.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	30.8	30.6	31.0	+ 0.7	- 0.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	27.8	27.2	27.2	+ 2.2	+ 2.2
Knitting Mills	67.0	66.7	64.9	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	20.4	20.2	19.0	+ 1.0	+ 7.4
Hosiery, NEC	20.1	20.0	19.8	+ 0.5	+ 1.5
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.4	13.4	12.7	0	+ 5.5
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.6	5.6	5.6	0	0
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	13.0	12.6	11.6	+ 3.2	+ 12.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.7	50.0	50.3	+ 3.4	+ 2.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	76.5	75.8	73.9	+ 0.9	+ 3.5
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	23.2	23.2	23.7	0	- 2.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.3	36.9	35.6	+ 1.1	+ 4.8
Paper & Allied Products	16.5	16.5	16.3	0	+ 1.2
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.8	7.8	7.9	0	- 1.3
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	4.9	5.0	5.0	- 2.0	- 2.0
Printing & Publishing	12.6	12.5	12.4	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
Newspapers	3.3	3.3	3.1	0	+ 6.5
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.8	23.5	23.1	+ 1.3	+ 3.0
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.7	9.6	9.4	+ 1.0	+ 3.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	21.3	20.9	20.4	+ 1.9	+ 4.4
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	4.7	4.8	5.5	- 2.1	- 14.5

1/ Current data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products
Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/
AUGUST, 1983

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	August 1983	July 1983	August 1982	August 1983	July 1983	August 1982	August 1983	July 1983	August 1982
MANUFACTURING	$ 271.06	$ 268.27	$ 241.81	40.7	40.1	38.2	$ 6.66	$ 6.69	$ 6.33
DURABLE GOODS	278.39	272.84	251.46	40.7	39.6	38.1	6.84	6.89	6.60
Lumber & Wood Products	232.97	233.86	204.06	40.8	41.1	38.0	5.71	5.69	5.37
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	231.39	225.52	205.36	41.1	40.2	38.1	5.63	5.61	5.39
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	256.85	245.83	219.59	40.9	40.7	34.8	6.28	6.04	6.31
Furniture & Fixtures	234.43	218.45	204.12	39.4	36.9	36.0	5.95	5.92	5.67
Household Furniture	234.24	218.15	202.99	39.5	37.1	35.8	5.93	5.88	5.67
Wood Household Furniture	232.97	217.17	196.57	40.8	38.1	36.2	5.71	5.70	5.43
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	315.56	318.42	282.58	42.3	42.4	39.8	7.46	7.51	7.10
Structural Clay Products	257.23	258.43	219.91	42.8	43.0	39.2	6.01	6.01	5.61
Primary Metal Industries	335.58	330.36	293.93	43.3	42.3	40.1	7.75	7.81	7.33
Fabricated Metal Products	315.59	307.16	275.80	41.8	40.9	38.2	7.55	7.51	7.22
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	331.01	321.98	308.51	41.9	40.5	40.7	7.90	7.95	7.58
Special Industry Machinery	292.33	281.46	266.95	40.1	39.2	38.3	7.29	7.18	6.97
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	315.43	321.98	304.17	40.7	40.5	39.4	7.75	7.95	7.72
Household Appliances	252.96	237.34	234.17	40.8	39.1	41.3	6.20	6.07	5.67
Transportation Equipment	309.48	305.66	279.08	41.1	40.7	38.6	7.53	7.51	7.23
NONDURABLE GOODS	266.59	265.17	237.08	40.7	40.3	38.3	6.55	6.58	6.19
Food & Kindred Products	254.38	253.79	232.85	40.7	41.0	39.4	6.25	6.19	5.91
Meat Products	202.22	203.14	186.13	38.3	38.4	37.3	5.28	5.29	4.99
Meat Packing	310.78	303.06	301.67	41.0	40.3	41.1	7.58	7.52	7.34
Dairy Products	262.91	268.13	254.17	43.1	44.1	43.3	6.10	6.08	5.87
Grain Mill Products	299.26	293.49	277.64	44.4	44.2	44.0	6.74	6.64	6.31
Bakery Products	291.65	279.30	253.60	43.4	42.0	40.0	6.72	6.65	6.34
Beverages	497.01	502.65	441.21	48.3	48.1	46.2	10.29	10.45	9.55
Tobacco Manufacturers	403.20	446.94	370.15	38.4	38.2	38.8	10.50	11.70	9.54
Cigarettes	473.17	471.24	451.62	38.5	38.5	38.6	12.29	12.24	11.70
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	174.34	185.32	173.75	37.9	34.9	39.4	4.60	5.31	4.41
Textile Mill Products	253.31	247.23	216.21	41.8	41.0	38.2	6.06	6.03	5.66
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	281.30	276.39	237.55	42.3	41.5	38.5	6.65	6.66	6.17
Weaving Mills, Cotton	278.30	274.96	230.86	41.6	41.1	37.6	6.69	6.69	6.14
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	284.89	277.80	244.28	43.1	41.9	39.4	6.61	6.63	6.20
Knitting Mills	230.83	225.84	204.22	41.0	40.4	38.1	5.63	5.59	5.36
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	219.50	208.28	194.56	40.8	39.9	38.0	5.38	5.22	5.12
Hosiery, NEC	218.40	219.45	190.32	40.0	39.9	36.6	5.46	5.50	5.20
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	256.26	247.25	240.12	41.6	40.4	41.4	6.16	6.12	5.80
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	279.73	287.00	296.40	44.9	45.7	40.0	6.23	6.28	5.91
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	278.63	247.83	232.66	42.8	39.4	39.3	6.51	6.29	5.92
Yarn & Thread Mills	240.19	236.39	203.42	41.7	41.4	37.6	5.76	5.71	5.41
Apparel & Other Textile Products	183.06	179.15	166.68	37.9	37.4	36.0	4.83	4.79	4.63
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	183.14	176.78	165.55	37.3	36.3	35.0	4.91	4.87	4.73
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	173.71	174.26	160.65	37.6	37.8	36.1	4.62	4.61	4.45
Paper & Allied Products	440.63	449.82	407.46	43.8	44.1	42.8	10.06	10.20	9.52
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	533.27	555.68	489.91	44.7	46.0	44.7	11.93	12.08	10.96
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	333.00	331.57	282.49	45.0	43.8	41.3	7.40	7.57	6.84
Printing & Publishing	286.90	287.65	272.97	38.0	38.2	38.5	7.55	7.53	7.09
Newspapers	257.85	268.07	251.54	33.4	34.5	34.6	7.72	7.77	7.27
Chemicals & Allied Products	354.19	362.97	334.43	40.9	41.2	40.1	8.66	8.81	8.34
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	398.05	418.28	368.85	41.9	43.3	40.4	9.50	9.66	9.13
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	355.32	357.85	306.52	42.3	42.5	39.5	8.40	8.42	7.76
MINING	277.41	295.87	297.35	39.8	40.2	43.6	6.97	7.36	6.82
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	421.67	425.15	392.35	41.3	41.6	40.7	10.21	10.22	9.64
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	194.35	197.20	197.22	33.8	34.0	34.6	5.75	5.80	5.70
Wholesale Trade	273.22	281.64	258.69	39.2	39.5	38.9	6.97	7.13	6.65
Retail Trade	169.17	169.58	171.22	32.1	32.3	32.8	5.27	5.25	5.22
General Merchandise Stores	148.80	148.82	148.37	31.0	31.2	31.5	4.80	4.77	4.71
Variety Stores	122.54	125.87	INA	33.0	33.3	INA	3.68	3.78	INA
Food Stores	192.28	191.73	187.27	32.7	33.0	32.4	5.88	5.81	5.78
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	127.00	122.25	128.65	30.9	29.6	31.0	4.11	4.13	4.15
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	167.81	168.57	160.66	34.6	34.9	34.7	4.85	4.83	4.63

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Information not available.